

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application. Claim 5 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Imai, JP 5-94974.

Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection for the following reasons.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify that which the Applicants regard as the invention. In particular, in Figure 1 the coaxial cable with a plug has been claimed to include a mechanism maintaining a coaxial structure of the central contact and the external contact in combination with a mechanism rotating with an axis in a direction orthogonal to the axial direction of the central conductor. Support for the added limitation to claim 1 can be found in the specification on page 10, line 14-page 11, line 25. The rotating mechanism claimed in claim 1 also maintains respective electrical connections with the central contact and the central conductor and the external contact and the external conductor.

In claim 2, the claimed coaxial cable with a plug has been amended to add that the contact portion of the plug has a mechanism rotating with an axis in a direction orthogonal to the axial direction of the central contact as a rotational axis, while maintaining the coaxial structure of the central contact and the external contact, the coaxial structure of the central conductor connecting member and the external conductor connecting member; and the electrical connections with the central contact and the central conductor connecting member as

well as the electrical connections with the external contact and the external conductor connecting members. Support in the specification for the limitations added to claim 2 can be found on page 16, line 3 to page 17, line 8 thereof.

Imai discloses a power cable and plug combination, which differs from the claimed coaxial cable with a plug, claimed by Applicants. As set forth in amended claims 1 and 2, the plug has a mechanism containing a coaxial structure of the central contact and the external contact. On the other hand, in Imai, the connecting jack of the plug portion mountable to a socket has a “coaxial” arrangement of the power lead conductors, however the conductors are not part of a coaxial cable and plug combination, as claimed by Applicants. The structure of the Imai plug is unable to maintain a coaxial structure of a central contact and an external contact while maintaining the respective electrical connections, as set forth in claims 1 and 2. That is, the Imai reference has first and second jacket elements that rotate at the connecting portion and electric power can be supplied through the connection, however the first and second jack elements are not able to maintain the coaxial arrangement of conductors since the connection jack of Imai is not directed to a jack for a coaxial cable, as in the present invention. Accordingly, the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claims 1 and 2 should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 3-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, however Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1 and 2 are patentable over Imai and the remainder of the art of record for the foregoing reasons. Accordingly, claims 3-5 should be allowed with claims 1 and 2.

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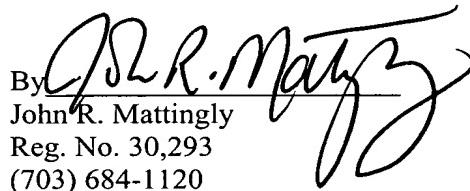
Claim 6 is patterned after claim 4 and is dependent on claim 2. Therefore, claim 6 should be allowed with claim 4.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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